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PREPARATION

Check out the latest travel advice for Russia and information on the different regions, local laws and customs



HEALTHCARE

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is not valid in Russia, so it is essential that you take out travel insurance appropriate for all the activities you plan to do



FAN ID

Once you have an official ticket you will need to apply for a Fan ID. This replaces the need for a separate visa. You must apply for it before you travel



VISAS

If you do not have an official ticket you will need to apply for a visa to enter Russia. Allow plenty of time and make sure it covers the length of your stay



PASSPORT

Look after your passport and keep it in a safe place. If you're travelling on a visa, make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the visa expiry date. Take 2 copies of it and always keep one with you



MATCH TICKETS

Only purchase tickets from official suppliers. You will need a Fan ID linked to your ticket to enter a stadium



GETTING AROUND

Plan your journeys, Russia is a huge country and distances between cities can be vast. Official match ticket and Fan ID holders can apply for free travel on selected trains



ACCOMMODATION

You are required to register in every host city visited within 72 hours of arrival. Book accommodation in advance and check that your hotel or host has registered your stay in each destination



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BE RESPONSIBLE

Always follow the advice of local authorities and respect local laws and customs. Anti-social behaviour including excessive alcohol consumption will not be tolerated



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AND welcome – welcome back for some of us – to Moscow, where we are delighted to be appearing in a World Cup semi-final for the first time in 28 years.

It's already a remarkable achievement for Gareth Southgate and his squad to have come this far, but there is a growing confidence among all those engaged in the England cause, fans included, that this could be our year, and certainly we've seen nothing about our semi-final opponents Croatia to lead us to conclude that further progress is impossible.

Commiserations to our host nation over the fact that they didn't quite make it to meet us here; it's fair to say though that their quarter-final appearance itself represented an achievement beyond expectations.

There's a chance too that the popularity of Premier League football and English clubs among the Russian

people could lead to a transfer of support in favour of England at the Luzhniki stadium; all assistance is gratefully received, and should lead to a great atmosphere at the game.

This edition of Free Lions should provide all those joining us in Moscow for the first time with all the information you need to get the most out of your trip. We are naturally optimistic that we will win the game and be lining up at the Luzhniki stadium again on Sunday in the final, but we have also provided a preview of the delights of St Petersburg too, just in case.

The FSF's fans' embassy will be on hand to offer any advice and assistance you might need while you're here. We will be operating between 10:00 and 17:00 on both Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July, and we will be based at the tourist information office at **Triumfalnaya Square**, next to **Mayakovskaya Metro station** on line 2 (the dark green line).

COVER STORY

Harry Maguire was imperious against Colombia in Moscow. In Samara against Sweden he was every bit as good and even went one better; old slab-head thundered home England's opener and set us on our way to the semi-final.



IT WASN'T ME

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ENGLAND HAVE IDENTITY

BY CLIVE HETHERINGTON



SOME would say it was Harry's game – the magnificent Maguire, that is – as England reached a World Cup semi-final for only the third time.

Captain Harry Kane, for once, was overshadowed by his namesake as Leicester centre-back Maguire made the crucial 30th-minute breakthrough against Sweden with a steam-hammer header.

Dele Alli also used his head to double the lead in the 58th minute, but goalkeeper Jordan Pickford – a penalty-saving hero in the shoot-out triumph over Colombia at Moscow's Spartak Stadium – was England's man of the match in the 2-0 victory in Samara with a terrific trio of second-half saves to defy Marcus Berg, twice, and Viktor Claesson.

So it's Croatia here in Moscow at the Luzhniki Stadium as England appear in a last-four World Cup tie for the first time since 1990 in Italy where they lost on penalties to West Germany.

Alan Shearer declared: "What a performance, professional, thorough. Every single player played their part; Pickford was outstanding in goal when he had to be and Sweden got through the defence. I thought Maguire was superb and Jordan Henderson, what a shift he put in midfield, and John Stones in defence.

"Dele got his goal – all of them were absolutely magnificent and thoroughly deserved it. Their attitude from the very first moment they arrived at this World Cup, up to now, has been first class.

"I didn't ever feel anything other than, 'We're going to win this game, we're going to get to a semi-final.' I never felt nervous during the game and that's how comfortable England made us feel."

And fellow ex-England skipper Rio Ferdinand said: "Every one of us said we fancied us to win. That's the confidence that this team exudes. The way they play, there's a know-how, a philosophy. We asked before the tournament finished that we needed to see an identity born out of it from this team, and I think we've got it now.

"It's possession-based, they keep the ball, they probe, they have players who can make the difference and they're young players gaining great, valuable experience. They're enjoying it and they deserve to be enjoying it, and what an environment that must be to be in."

If England don't go all the way to the final now, there will be an even greater feeling of anti-climax and an opportunity missed than there was 28 years ago.

Jurgen Klinsmann, who played in that infamous match for the Germans, had nothing but praise for Gareth Southgate's side after the Swedes were dispatched.

The former Tottenham striker, speaking on the BBC, said: "A huge compliment to England. Throughout the entire team there was not even one weakness.

"What I really loved was that, in the second half, they went for the second goal, they wanted to finish it off. There was never the feeling that Sweden would get back into the game. Pickford has been outstanding – in the delicate moments he was right there, but so were other players as well. Throughout the entire English side, there were very good performances."

AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH CLIVE HETHERINGTON?

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England had never beaten Sweden in any World Cup match, with their four prior meetings – two in qualifying for Italia '90 and at the tournaments of 2002 and 2006 – all being drawn.

Their previous encounter in a major competition was at Euro 2012, where the Three Lions won 3-2 through goals by Andy Carroll, Theo Walcott and Danny Welbeck.

Incredibly, the win in Samara was only England's second success against the Swedes in nine major competitive clashes. In addition, they even failed to beat them in the Umbro Trophy in 1995, drawing 3-3 at Elland Road. And to underline Sweden's status as something of a bogey team, the Three Lions' victory made it just three wins in 16 meetings since 1968.

Against England, Sweden were without Celtic right-back Mikael Lustig after he picked up a second yellow card in the 1-0 win over the Swiss, his place going to Emil Krafth. But Sebastian Larsson was back from suspension and Gustav Svensson, who deputised against Switzerland, made way in midfield.

Sweden's inspirational skipper Andreas Granqvist said he had "barely slept" while his wife was giving birth back home two days after the previous game.

It was England who needed the wake-up call and after Claesson had driven over as the Three Lions'

defence dropped off – much to the fury of Pickford – Kane pulled a shooting chance wide following good work by Raheem Sterling. But it was the other Harry who shook England out of their slumber with a thumping header on the end of Ashley Young's left-wing corner.

It was Maguire's first England goal and a further example of their growing prowess at set-pieces. Take a bow – again – coach Allan Russell.

The goal gave them renewed impetus, while the pedestrian Swedes struggled to come up with an answer. But Sterling's own struggles in front of goal continued when he was put through and denied by keeper Robin Olsen – only for a late offside decision against the Manchester City forward.

It did matter, however, when Sterling sprang the offside trap as he raced clear but was foiled again by Olsen before Granqvist blocked the follow-up.

The half-time stats favoured England, with Sweden never having won at a World Cup when they have been behind at the interval, and England losing only one of their 22 games in the tournament in which they have led at the break.

That defeat was the 1970 quarter-final, 3-2 loss after extra-time to West Germany in Mexico, ending England's reign as world champions.



Sweden threatened, though, only two minutes into the second half with Berg's far-post header that was brilliantly turned away by Pickford's outstretched left hand.

But England's second goal arrived when Jesse Lingard was left unmarked on the right and took advantage by hanging up a cross to the back post where Alli crashed home a header.

At 22, the Spurs midfielder became the second youngest English player – behind Michael Owen, who was 18 in France in 1998 – to score at a World Cup.

Pickford then produced a superb stop from Claesson, this time with his right hand, and Jordan Henderson immediately made a vital block from the same player.

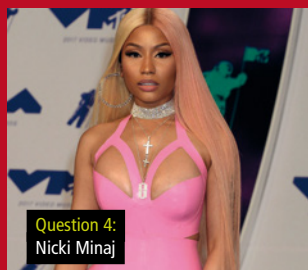
And it was Berg who lost out once more when Pickford pulled off a fabulous fingertip save from the striker's 71st-minute effort.

SCOUSE PHIL'S FREE LIONS SEMI-FINAL MUSIC QUIZ

AS Scouse Phil prepared this music quiz, he didn't know whether we would be playing Russia or Croatia in the semi-final. So, he's given us a quiz in which every question or answer (or both) in this quiz will include a reference to something which can be found on the flag of either Croatia or Russia.



Question 3:
Kim Wilde



Question 4:
Nicki Minaj

1 'Young at Heart' was a 1993 Number One hit for which band which shares its name with wild flowers?

2 Which White Stripes song is played to celebrate goals at Bayern Munich every time they score and is the tune used for numerous football chants?

3 'Chequered Love' was the second single from Kim Wilde, but which was her first, with the first line 'Looking out of dirty old windows'?

4 Nicki Minaj had a 2010 hit with the song 'Check it Out',

but which former Black Eyed Peas singer featured on the song?

5 'Make Music in the Corner Shop' is the name of a television advert used to promote which beer?

6 Gary Byrd and The GB Experience had a 1983 Top Ten hit with which song which is also the name of something that appears on the Croatian flag?

7 David Coverdale was lead singer of which British heavy rock band that had various hits including 'Fool For Your Loving', 'Is This Love' and 'Here I Go Again'?

8 How many red balloons did Nena have in the title of her 1984 Number One hit?

9 What is the name of the band consisting of Anton Costa, Duncan James, Lee Ryan and Simon Webbe which had various Number Ones in the noughties including 'Too Close' and 'If You Come Back'?

10 Which Grandmaster Flash and Melle Mel 1983 hit warned against the dangers of cocaine addiction?



#GarethSouthgateWould

#GarethSouthgateWould eat all the bountys out of a celebration tub because he knows nobody likes them. Not even him.
Mark Randall @markyrands

#GarethSouthgateWould find the thermostat temperature that the whole office could agree on.
Simon Blundell @simonblundell91

#GarethSouthgateWould butter one slice of toast then use a new knife to butter the second slice to avoid crumbs in the butter.
Joe bananas @joebananas80

#GarethSouthgateWould probably politely ask football if it wanted to come home first, then contact its parents and ask if it was okay.
David Bedwell @DavidBedwell

#GarethSouthgateWould come round your house, sort out your tupperware cupboard and come up with a system that made it easy to match lids to boxes every time.
Scott Burry @scottburry

#GarethSouthgateWould sit Noel & Liam down in a room and get Oasis back together.
Andy Bishop @andy_bish

SCOUSE PHIL'S FREE LIONS FOOTBALL QUIZ



Question 5:
Referee M. Geiger... and some cheats

1 Who is the only member of France's World Cup squad who wasn't born when they won the tournament in 1998?

2 There are seven Yorkshiremen in England's World Cup Squad, but which one of the seven is from Barnsley?

3 Which countries in the quarter-finals of this tournament have previously won the World Cup?

4 Only one of the European countries in the last eight have never hosted or co-hosted a European Championship or World Cup: which one is it?

5 What nationality was the referee in England's Round of 16 game v Colombia?

6 When was the last World Cup where England got through to the semi-finals?

7 Both Bayern Munich and Manchester City won their respective leagues in the season just gone by the same margin of points – how many was it?

8 Which team was relegated from the Bundesliga at the end of the season just gone for the first time, having played in that league every season since it was created in 1963?

9 In which city will the 2019 Europa League final be held?

10 I was born in Hexham in 1988 and have played over 100 games for my current Premiership club, although I was not playing for an English-based side when I was in the England squad for the 2014 World Cup Tournament – who am I?

Answers can be found on page 23



BACK ISSUES

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Back Copies Available



ANUMBER of you have been asking at the FSF's fans' embassy whether we have any spare copies of editions of Free Lions distributed at previous games. Well, we always do our best to satisfy demand, but there is a limit to the amount of luggage the airlines will allow us to take from city to city.

All is not lost, however. We are going to make sure that we have enough copies to satisfy demand back at home, so if for some reason you're missing an issue from your collection, you'll be able to order one from the FSF office, for the cost only of postage and packing.

If you're a regular reader and collector of Free Lions, you could also consider taking out a subscription to the magazine. For just £10 a year, you will get every edition mailed to your home address (after the trip) in pristine condition.

For details of subscriptions and individual orders, see the FSF website at www.fsf.org.uk.

WELCOME TO MOSCOW

YOUR FREE LIONS GUIDE



WELCOME to **Moscow** for England's first World Cup semi-final since 1990.

When the tournament began in June not many would have predicted England being a game away from their second ever final. Now only Croatia stands between Gareth Southgate's team and a shot at history.

Having dramatically overcome Colombia the Three Lions repeated the trick defeating Sweden in **Samara** just four days later. The victory sees us return to **Moscow** less than a week after departing.

Many of you will have been here for our last-16 showdown, and read our Moscow guide material then. We have added a bunch of new information about the city based on our experiences at work and at play.

Those of you joining us here in Russia for the first time will have heard about the overwhelming hospitality afforded to fans and jubilant scenes during the tournament. Be sure to immerse yourself in it, fill up on the culture, enjoy yourself and, most importantly, stay safe.

So here we are back in the capital. A city that was founded in 1147 at the confluence of the **Moskva** and the **Neglinka** rivers. This colossal urban area is the nation's heartbeat and incredibly accounts for almost 10% of Russia's population.

The city is Europe's second most populous and is the focal point of Russian politics and finance. Those who have visited the city before tell us **Moscow** is a very different beast during this tournament, in a really good way.

Russia is right at the centre of the world media's gaze right now, **Moscow** is its fulcrum and right at the heart of **Moscow** is **Red Square**. If you take a stroll between the **Kremlin** and **Saint Basil's Cathedral** you'll notice the bank of temporary TV studios from which live broadcasts are beamed around the globe; the very epicentre of sport on this planet for the next week or so.

Right in the middle of **Red Square**, just opposite **Lenin's tomb**, FIFA have installed a small-sided football pitch for fans' games, complete with stands and surrounding interactive



activities for visitors (check out Robo-keeper). To its side, a queue snakes towards the pop-up World Cup shop which is doing a roaring trade.

Leading off the square up **Nikolskaya Street** the carnival atmosphere continues. The pedestrianised area feels surreal with its low-hanging lights exhibition and is bustling with fans from all over the world, spilling out of the restaurants and bars with the flags of World Cup teams from all over the world draped in their windows.

Within moments of being in **Moscow** you will realise it is suffering an outbreak of epidemic proportions: somebody call a doctor, World Cup fever has swept the city!



>> WHAT TO EXPECT

District: Central District
Population: 12,300,000
Time Zone: BST +2 hours
Average June Temp.: 17°
Area: 2,511km²
From London: 2,000km

>> FAN FEST



Moscow's Fan Fest is located at the **Vorobyovy Goryand** and has a 25,000 capacity.

>> WORLD CUP STADIUMS

All stadiums used during the 2018 FIFA World Cup have an information desk - including lost and found help, pushchair storage and an opportunity to leave feedback - a left luggage facility (on the provision of a match ticket), entertainment, food and drink, ATMs and official tournament gift shops.

THE STADIUM



THE **Luzhniki Stadium** was built in 1956 and has since hosted over three thousand football matches, including the unforgettable all-English Champions League Final between Manchester United and Chelsea in 2008.

Unfortunately for England fans it will mostly be remembered for a 2-1 defeat in the unsuccessful EURO 2008 qualifying campaign.

It has also been the venue of a number of global sporting events, most recently the 2013 World Athletics Championships where Usain Bolt won gold in both the 100m and 200m.

Happily, since these games the stadium has undergone significant restoration and development.

Much of the work has been geared towards the 2018 World Cup and making the venue more suitable for hosting football.

The venue's historic exterior remains, but - fortunately - the athletics track has been removed and the stands have been pulled forward offering a far better view of the action. The infamous plastic pitch has also been replaced by a hybrid playing surface commonly used now in stadiums worldwide.

With a capacity of 81,000 it is Russia's largest football stadium and after the tournament it will continue to host Russia's international matches. By the end of the World Cup, the **Luzhniki** will have hosted seven matches including the opening match and final, hopefully with England in it.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are about 30 cities and villages named Moscow around the world
- It was not until 1380 that Moscow actually became the capital of Russia

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GETTING TO THE GROUND



THE Luzhniki Stadium is located 10km southwest of central Moscow. The best way to get there - like most places in the city - is by metro.

The stadium sits at the intersection of the Red Line (Line 1) and the Outer Circle Line (Line 14) with **Sportivnaya Station** (Line 1), **Vorobyovy Gory** (Line 1), **Frunzenskaya** (Line 1) and **Luzhniki** (Line 14) all within walking distance. The one you should aim for depends on your location in the stadium:

- **Blocks A and D:** **Vorobyovy Gory** metro station (entry via gates G3 and G4)
- **Blocks B and C:** **Sportivnaya** metro station (entry via gate G1)
- **Any other block:** **Luzhniki MCC** station (entry via gate G1)

Some restrictions apply to metro stations on matchday. These

essentially mean that after the game the metro is entry only around the ground, making for a speedier passage back to the centre for all spectators.

Additional shuttle buses will also be running to the bus stop at the stadium from the **Park Kultury** metro station at the intersection of Lines 1 and 5 of the metro system.

Buses 255, 64, 15, M3, C12, 15 run to **Novodevichy Monastery** bus stop, and you can take trolleybus 28 to **Ulitsa Khamovnichesky Val** and **Stadion Luzhniki**.

A taxi from any **Moscow airport** will take at least an hour, probably longer given the parlous state of the city's traffic. This will get you no closer - and often further away - than any public transport to the stadium due to the large security cordon in place around all of the stadiums at this year's World Cup.

TICKET COLLECTION

ALL ticket centres are open Monday to Sunday 10:00-20:00 (21:00 on match days with late kickoffs).

Fans can pick up tickets from:

- **Zhitnaya Street, 4:** a few hundred yards away from **Dobrynskaya** metro at the intersection of the Grey (Line 9) and Brown (Line 5) lines. Don't try to cross the busy road, use the underpass.
- **Technopark:** on the Green Line (Line 2), to the south of the city near the outer ring line. This is further from the centre and a good hour by public transport from the **Luzhniki**
- **Domodedovo Airport:** International Arrivals Area
- **Sheremetyevo Airport:** Terminal D, International Arrivals Area
- **Vnukovo airport:** Terminal A, International Arrivals Area
- **Proektiruemyy proezd 4062, 6**

If you have the credit or debit card you booked with, you will be able to use the automated machines. If not, you'll need to take your passport and booking number to the manned desks. In both cases, the lead booker can pick up all of the tickets in the group.

In both cases, a photograph of the person picking up tickets will be taken. We're not sure whether this is facial recognition software being used, or simply FIFA capturing an image of who collected the tickets in case of later dispute.

GETTING AROUND

- **Taxi:** Taxis are, of course, more expensive than the metro but should arrive within ten minutes of your request when using a taxi app, such as Uber or Yandex. Beware, though, in **Moscow** they can prove time consuming due to congestion.

The road in and out of **Sheremetyevo** airport is particularly bad, we got caught in traffic even on a 5am airport run. Allow plenty of time.

- **Metro:** The most effective - and often quickest way - to explore **Moscow**. You are unlikely to be waiting more than a few minutes for a service (as the countdown clocks display; weirdly, these actually count up the time since the last metro rather than counting down til the next, but we're yet to see it break about four minutes) with the network operating between the hours of 05:30-01:30; 3:00 on match days.

The system comprises over 150 stations that can be easily identified from ground level by the large red 'M' signs outside. If you are moving between districts you should expect a couple of changes, usually on **Koltsevaya** (Ring) Line (Line 5, brown), the **Moscow Central Ring** (Line 14, light red), or within one of the city's central stations.

Tickets can be purchased by cash or card with a number of options

to consider. One choice is to buy a ticket for the number of journeys you wish to make: between one and 60 on one ticket. Each journey is R55, but the price is reduced the more you buy. A full ticket of 60 journeys equates to around R28 per trip. The alternative is a ticket that is limited by time, but not by journeys. One day is R218 and three days R415.

Metro stations are large, many operate multiple lines and you may need to walk along a platform and then navigate two or three escalators to find the correct train. Signage is good, though - in English as well as Russian - and navigation is easy with the Metro app or a decent map. We've included a version for you on the next page. Keep it handy.

A couple of other things to note. Many metros are showing games live on screens within carriages, which is pretty cool, and internet connectivity within trains and platforms is excellent once you've watched a couple of ads (the price of free access). But the real joy of travel on the **Moscow Metro** system is the amazing architecture and artwork that characterise the stations. Honestly, take the metro as much as you can; we can't recommend it highly enough.

Troika Cards: Can be used to pay for transit on the metro, buses,



trolleybuses and trams. Money can be added at fare terminals and transport hubs. A journey on the metro will cost you R35, and the card's value of R50 will be refunded to you once returned. Apps can be downloaded where you can view maps of the metro and follow your route whilst on the go. Some of these can be also be used without 4G/WiFi.

- **Bus, Trolleybus, Tram:** The timetable stretches from 05:00-01:00 with 11 services continuing during the night. Seven of these are buses, including the H1 to **Sheremetyevo Airport**. There are also a handful of semi-express bus routes. These only visit major stops and tend to be bigger buses, identifiable by virtue of their numbers beginning with a nine.

Journeys cost R35 with a Troika Card or R55 for a single. As with the metro, you can buy bundles of tickets at reduced rates.

- **Commuter trains:** Useful for reaching suburban destinations, which may prove vital with accommodation spread throughout the city. Fares begin at R20 and increase with distance covered.

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EATING AND DRINKING



In a city as large as **Moscow**, even a few thousand England fans dissolve into the vast crowds and the question we were asked more than any other in the run-up to the Colombia game was "where has everyone gone?"

There aren't very many bars around **Red Square** directly and the restaurants are expensive, but there were plenty of travelling supporters milling around the area enjoying the sights.

Leading off from the corner of the square next to the **State Historical Museum** (the big red building opposite St. Basil's) is the popular **Nikolskaya Street**, or the 'street with all them lights'.

Along it are a number of bars and restaurants popular with a large number of England fans,

respectfully displaying their flags before the last match. This street runs up from **Red Square** to **Lubyanka metro** station and is a must-see while you're in town.

15-20 minutes walk from the centre are the streets of **Old** and **New Arbat**, **Moscow's** main drinking area. Both are populated with bars and restaurants serving local and more familiar beers.

Other popular drinking spots include the **Bobby Dazzler** and **English Pub Albat**, both providing a taste of home while the bars of **Jaws Spot** and **Rule Tap Room** offer craft beers on draught. We were missing the Scottish at the World Cup and enjoyed the **Robert Burns Bar** on **Blagoveshchenskiy Pereulok**. Try the wild duck pie.

For an even livelier and longer night, **Propaganda** closes at

06:00. Also good for cheap drinks and alternative tunes.

Elsewhere you are spoilt for choice when it comes to food and drink. There are any number of fast-food chains, reasonable priced eateries and higher end options, with even the latter - often offering local cuisine and three-course business lunches for only a few hundred rubles - reasonably well priced.

Authentic cuisine is readily available. The likes of **Khachapuri** and **Darbazi** dish up proper Georgian fayre of meats and bread, with many meals costing R500.

Fine dining can be found at places such as **Bolshoi** and **Savva**. Both combine impressive service and excellent food. They also cater for various dietary requirements.

Vegetarian options can be tracked down, but you will do well to find somewhere solely catering for veggies. Most places accept plastic, speak English and have internationalised menus.

Prices, although more expensive than the rest of the nation, are only what you would expect from a capital city.

The city has an expanding LGBT+ scene. **Secret** offers cheap drinks and dance floors, whilst **12 volts** was the founder of **Moscow's** lesbian movement.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

In such a large and tourist friendly city there is an abundance of things to see and do, from monuments and religious buildings, the arts to museums; plan your itinerary carefully so you don't run out of time.

Fortunately for visitors to the capital, three of **Moscow's** most iconic landmarks are all located within **Red Square**, an area that has seen it all since the 15th century, from coronations to executions... and now football.

The Kremlin - the former royal citadel and now the official residence of the President of Russia - and its red exterior is a must see. Inside you can view over 800 years of political history for R350.

Adjacent is **Lenin's Tomb**, whilst in the corner of the square lies the unique **St. Basil's Cathedral** (and not an ice cream factory, our bad). This vibrant architectural gem is open daily. Entry is R250 and an audio guide can be bought for a further R200.

Visiting all off these in detail will take the best part of a day, sweeping by them and stopping for photos is an hour or two's worth of sightseeing and the minimum anyone should do while they have the opportunity.

The **Bolshoi Theatre** is also centrally located. Unless you are lucky you will find shows tend to sell out well in advance, although tours do operate for those wanting to visit. These run from 12:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you have a head for heights an alternate vista can be found from the **Ostankino Tower** where you can view all of **Moscow** from 340m above the ground. Open every day between 10:00-23:00, entry is R980, but must be booked in advance and your passport is required when you visit.

If that all sounds too much like hard work then why not kick back and relax in **Gorky Park**? This area is dotted with cafes and restaurants and even hammocks should you need them.

Running alongside the **Moskva River**, the area also proves a popular place to cycle. Bikes can be hired from over 150 self-service stations around the capital, however, you must be pre-registered online to do so. 24-hours will cost you R150. Away from the park there are over 40 bike lanes around **Moscow**.

Finally, if you're simply exhausted by just reading this, try **Sanduny Baths**. A sense of tranquility and relaxation costs the best part of R1,500.



THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN RUSSIA

CONSULAR staff from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office are available to help fans where they can, and will be present in all the cities hosting England games while we're here.

To contact them for consular assistance (for instance if you lose your passport): ring +7 495 956 7200 – or of course you can contact us at the fans' embassy, and we'll put you in touch.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY CAN

- Provide info on transferring money from the UK
- Help you get medical attention if you need it
- Contact your friends & family
- Put you in touch with lawyers if you need them
- Issue a replacement travel document (may be subject to a fee)
- Contact you within 24 hours of being in hospital/prison

THE BRITISH EMBASSY CANNOT

- Pay your hotel, legal, medical or any other bills
- Investigate a crime
- Make travel arrangements for you
- Give you legal advice
- Get you out of jail
- Get you a ticket for the final!

WORLD CUP GROUND RULES

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW



AS is usually the case at any FIFA World Cup, there are standard rules and regulations that are intended to apply at all tournament venues, and this has generally been the case around all the Russia 2018 stadiums. Nonetheless, there are still variations in how strictly various aspects of the rules are enforced from venue to venue, and we will be doing our best to establish what applies locally in each of the stadiums we visit.

For all games, the stadium will open three hours before kick-off. Every ticket is marked with the number of a gate. It seems that most stadiums will allow ticket holders to enter via any gate, however it is worth being aware that in some cases (e.g. France v Australia game in Kazan), entry was only permitted via the gate marked on the ticket. Bear in mind that the perimeters around the stadiums are in some cases very long, even between

gates with the next consecutive number, so allow extra time in case you are re-directed to a different gate.

Security checks are thorough. On arrival, every fan must be in possession of a match ticket, and your own FAN ID. The steward at the turnstiles will scan and check both your FAN ID (to prove your identity – your photo will appear on a screen) and your ticket (to establish that you have a genuine ticket for that game. There is no link between the ticket and the FAN ID, so it doesn't matter if you're using a ticket that wasn't originally issued to you; the FAN ID though is very much person-specific.

Bags bigger than about the size of an A4 sheet of paper are not allowed into the stadium; any larger and you can be turned back from the turnstile and sent to the luggage deposit cabin to drop it off for collection after the match. Queues for these facilities have been very long, with waits of

over an hour, and be warned, they fill up quickly. If you're in any doubt you'd be wise to allow yourself plenty of time ahead of kick-off.

After passing through the turnstiles, you will pass through airport-style scanners – pockets must be emptied, jewellery and belts removed before passing through the scanner, and you will be asked to switch on any phones or cameras to prove that they are functioning devices.

The usual list of prohibited items applies – more details can be found at welcome2018.com. Flags are allowed if they do not exceed the size of 2m x 1.5m. Anything larger than this requires a special application certificate, which needs to have been applied for 20 days prior to the match. All flags will be checked for content to exclude any racist, political, discriminatory or inflammatory material.

Smoking inside the ground is strictly forbidden, with some stadiums rigorously enforcing the rule. Alcohol is on sale, with Budweiser at 350R a can. Soft drinks are all R200, and snacks are also available, including burgers and hotdogs priced at R300.



JIGSAW FALLING INTO PLACE

WORDNERDS' TWITTER ANALYSIS

wordnerds

AS you'll know by now, throughout our time in Russia we've been checking in with Wordnerds, a UK startup that uses Artificial Intelligence to summarise what fans are saying about the England squad on Twitter. Dare to dream; here's the gist of a million plus tweets about World Cup Week 4.

If the England team aren't getting ahead of themselves, the fans certainly are. Almost 3% of tweets about the England team prior to the Quarter Final against Sweden mentioned the semis or the final.

Many of the tweets focussed on individual matchups that fans expected to see in the final. Matchups being imagined for the final include Jesse Lingard against Paul Pogba, and Harry Maguire against Neymar.

"The fans back home are tempting fate and they don't seem to mind" said Wordnerds Director of Linguistics, Steve Erdal. "They're daring to dream, and it's great to see."

Jordan Pickford received the highest score any individual player has received from the Wordnerds Social Media Index this tournament after the Last 16 game against Colombia. 94% of his mentions were in a positive context, after a very mixed tournament so far.

#	Player	% +ve	Most Common Words
1	Jordan Pickford	94%	faith, hero, celebration
2	Harry Maguire	86%	tank, mountain, maldini
3	Harry Kane	84%	chubby, hurricane, yesss
4	John Stones	83%	becoming, phenomenal, marry
5	Kieran Trippier	68%	had to clear, midget, baller
6	Ashley Young	53%	calm, replace, danny rose
7	Jordan Henderson	52%	headbutted, keepy ups, underrated
8	Kyle Walker	31%	backwards, carded, drop
9	Jesse Lingard	25%	volley, dive, dancing
10	Raheem Sterling	18%	frustrating, selfish, losing patience
11	Dele Alli	12%	Not recovered, invisible

Centre backs Harry Maguire and John Stones remain two of the most popular England players of the tournament, with numerous fans claiming they wanted to marry Stones. Kieran Trippier retained his positive reviews, despite getting a fair bit of stick for not clearing Yerry Mina's header off the line in the last minute. His keywords included "has to clear" and the rather uncharitable "midget".

England's attacking midfielders continue to find it harder to win over fans. Dele Alli received the lowest score during the Colombia game: just 12% of his mentions across the game were positive, with fans not believing that he had fully recovered. Jesse Lingard received criticism for his diving, but his dancing won fans over.

Think footy fans are fickle? Well you're bang on! Substitute Eric Dier received 53% positive tweets overall, but the negative tweets were almost exclusively before the penalty shootout. His keywords (the words used more about him than anyone else in the team), went from "noooo", "sh*t" and "dire", to "slotted", "love", and "always rated" in about half an hour after his winning penalty.

Even before beating Sweden people were talking about the final. We now know that Neymar isn't going to make it to that matchup. But will Maguire?

Tweets relating to the full starting eleven are summarised above. For more information...

See: www.wordnerds.eu



PENALTY DRAMA IN SOCHI

BY CLIVE HETHERINGTON

BARCELONA'S Ivan Rakitic ensured that Croatia are England's World Cup semi-final opponents here in Moscow after a nail-biting penalty shoot-out with hosts Russia in Sochi.

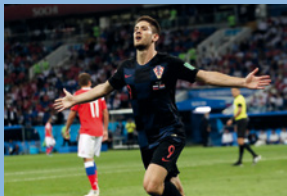
The game ended 2-2 after extra-time before the sides faced their second successive shoot-out of the tournament. It was playmaker Rakitic's spot-kick that had sealed victory over Denmark in the previous round – and he repeated the feat as Croatia won 4-3 against the Russians.

Denis Cheryshev swept Russia into a 31st-minute lead, but it lasted just eight minutes as Andrej Kramaric equalised. Pony-tailed defender Domagoj Vida headed Croatia in front in the 100th minute, only for Russia's own boy from Brazil – Mario Fernandes, who played one friendly for his country of birth – to throw his adoptive nation a lifeline five minutes from the end.

Croatia gained an early advantage in the shoot-out when Danijel Subasic saved a bizarrely tame kick by Fedor Smolov and Marcelo Brozovic scored.

Alan Dzagoev converted and Igor Akinfeev's save from Mateo Kovacic revived Russia's hopes, but Fernandes then missed and Luka Modric scored – just!

Sergei Ignashevich, Russia's 38-year-old defender, levelled at 2-2 before Vida and Daler Kuzyaev netted,



and Rakitic clinched victory to book Croatia's first World Cup semi-final for 20 years, when they finished third.

England fans will remember all too well how Croatia ended the Three Lions' hopes of qualifying for Euro 2008 – and Steve McClaren's tenure – with a 3-2 win in an extraordinary game at Wembley in November 2007.

Slaven Bilic, in charge of Croatia that night and who played at France '98, admitted his country had not been at their best against Russia.

The former West Ham boss, speaking on ITV, said: "We weren't great, but it's more than football. To be fair, we've had some good sportsmen, like Goran Ivanisevic who won Wimbledon, but our bronze medal from '98 is still maybe our best achievement in sport – because football is the number one sport.

"We want to go to the final – but so do you, England. It's going to be a good game and I expect us to do better against England because, while England are more dangerous when they have the ball, they are more vulnerable when they don't have it."

Croatia cruised through Group D with victories over Nigeria, Argentina and Iceland. It was a different story in their dramatic date with Denmark in Nizhny Novgorod as they won 3-2 on penalties after a 1-1 stalemate.

Subasic saved three penalties in that shoot-out, in which Modric netted after wasting a chance to win the tie when his extra-time spot-kick was saved by Leicester keeper Kasper Schmeichel.

But it was Rakitic who struck the decisive penalty after Croatia had come from behind, Martin Jorgensen's first-minute goal being answered by Mario Mandzukic only three minutes later.

Russia, the lowest-ranked side at 70th going into the tournament, have made a mockery of

>> CLIVE'S VERDICT

England have met Croatia seven times, the last being a 5-1 World Cup qualifying victory at Wembley in September 2009 in one of four wins the Three Lions have racked up against them. Croatia have beaten England twice, most notably 3-2 at

Prediction: Croatia 1 England 2

Wembley as the Three Lions were knocked out of Euro 2008 at the qualifying stage. Croatia have shown this summer that they are dangerous, but I'm going for an England win – and only our second ever appearance in a World Cup final.

AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH CLIVE HETHERINGTON?

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>> COLOMBIA – THE KEY THREE by Joe Hetherington



LUKA MODRIC

One of the finest playmakers Europe has ever produced, Modric's collection of winner's medals can better almost anyone in the game. Beginning his career at Dinamo Zagreb, he left the Croat club to join Tottenham in 2008 for a fee of £16.5million. The midfielder was written off by many early in his Spurs career, including then-Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger. But the 32-year-old proved doubters wrong and went on to become a fantastic signing for the North Londoners, with Real Madrid acquiring his signature four seasons later. Modric has scored twice in this World Cup, both goals coming in the group stages.



IVAN RAKITIC

He is a player who does not always receive the recognition he deserves. The midfield man was born in Switzerland and plied his trade at FC Basel in his younger days before moving to Schalke in 2007, the same year he won his first cap for Croatia. Transferring to Sevilla in 2011, his performances in helping them win the Europa League caught the attention of his current team, Barcelona, and the 30-year-old has been integral for the Catalans. Against both Modric and Rakitic, England may find it hard at times to win the ball back in the middle of the park.



MARIO MANDZUKIC

Scorer of more than 200 career goals for the likes of Bayern Munich, Atletico Madrid and Juventus, it would be foolish to underestimate Mandzukic. The target man has one goal to his name in this competition, the equaliser against Denmark in the first knockout stage. With a playing style reminiscent of Edin Dzeko, the forward is always a danger in the air and scores many of his goals within the six-yard box, though he has not had the best of seasons for Juventus. At 31, this may be his last chance to win the most prestigious tournament in football.

FIFA's standings after Stanislav Cherchesov's men shocked the world when they beat Spain 4-3 in a last-16 shoot-out in the wake of a 1-1 draw.

The star of their 5-0 rout of Saudi Arabia in the tournament's opening match was Cheryshev. It turned out to be a kind of blessing in disguise when key man Dzagoev went off injured and Cheryshev came on to score two tremendous goals. He also netted in the 3-1 win against Egypt and produced another cracker in Sochi, curling home left-footed from around 25 yards for his fourth goal of the competition (not counting his own goal in the 3-0

defeat by Uruguay, of course) after being neatly teed up by frontman Artem Dzyuba. But Kramaric headed in Mandzukic's left-wing centre to punish sloppy Russian defending.

Croatia thought they had taken the lead just before the hour-mark when Ivan Perisic's strike hit the inside of a post and flashed along the goalline to safety. That was it for Perisic, who was replaced by Brozovic soon afterwards.

Russia made a surprise change when Cheryshev was withdrawn in the 67th minute in favour of Smolov as Cherchesov sought more punch.

Kramaric was sacrificed by coach Zlatko Dalic for Kovacic two minutes from the end of normal time before Subasic went down in distress to provide Croatia with an anxious moment as they had used all three substitutes and couldn't introduce a fourth until extra-time. Subasic still managed to make a near-post save as Smolov, aware of his discomfort, attempted to test him.

Vida rose to meet Modric's right-wing corner and hand Croatia the lead, but with time running out, Russia rallied and Fernandes glanced in Dzagoev's free-kick before the drama of penalties.

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YOUR FREE LIONS GUIDE



>> GETTING THERE

HOPEFULLY we'll be staying in **Moscow** after winning the semi-final. Defeat might feel like the end of the world but it would not be the end of England's World Cup. So here's a look ahead to **Saint Petersburg**, host city of the Third Place Play-Off, just in case. Fingers crossed we don't need it.



BY AIR

Saint Petersburg's only major airport, **Pulkovo Airport**, is located south of the city. This state of the art transport hub has services to and from destinations within Russia and Europe.

From **Moscow** the flight time is around an hour with flights operated by a number of airlines from the capital's airports or available from some of the other host cities.

Direct flights run from the **UK**. British Airways and Aeroflot services arrive from **Heathrow** and **Gatwick** respectively, usually every day. European connections frequently come in from large cities such as **Amsterdam**, **Berlin** and **Milan**.

From the **airport** a taxi will typically take an hour to reach the centre and is generally pretty safe in **Saint Petersburg**. Unfortunately, the metro does not run to the **airport** so in terms of public transport, your only real option is the bus.

>> SAINT PETERSBURG



District: Northwest Russia
Population: 5,200,000
Area: 1,439km²

Time zone: BST+2 hours
Average June temp.: 15°
From Moscow: 705km

The number 39e operates as an express service, costing R40 between 05:25-00:20, with buses leaving every 30 minutes from the arrivals exit. The 39 bus runs to a similar timetable. This will ferry you to **Ulitsa Kostyushko** or **Ulitsa Gastello** in the city.

Most buses stop at the city's nearest metro station, **Moskovskaya**, which may provide a better route to your accommodation.



BY TRAIN

Saint Petersburg is well connected by train to the rest of Russia and Europe.

From **Moscow** the **Sapsan** train takes four and a half hours, with trains departing at least six times a day. There are also a number of night trains from the capital. For most services, the fare should be no more than R3,500.

Free trains will also be running to the city for the match but must be reserved by visiting www.tickets.transport2018.com/free-train. You may find that these are already fully booked in advance but it's always worth checking for cancellations.

The rest of Europe is also well-connected and a popular daily service takes less than four hours from **Helsinki**. If you need to pass through **Belarus**, your Fan ID acts as a transit visa.



BY BUS

Long distance bus services regularly run to **Saint Petersburg**. However, its location means long travel times, so many people use the train as a quicker and more picturesque alternative.

Notable daily buses run from **Helsinki**, **Riga** and **Tallinn**, all taking up to 10 hours.

>> WHAT TO EXPECT

DESPITE being just over 300 years old **Saint Petersburg** is Russia's most beautiful city. It is rich in culture and architecture and many of its streets are quite simply an attraction in their own right.

From its centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the city sprawls outwards. A stunning collection of islands split by channels and reconnected by some 800 bridges.

Although settlements in the area date back thousands of years, the city was not founded until 1703 by Peter the Great. Situated on the banks of the **Neva River** at the edge of the **Baltic Sea**, its northerly position means that many days exceed 18 hours of daylight this time of year.

Nowadays **Saint Petersburg** is Russia's second city, but it was not always so revered and during World War Two was bombed heavily. Despite its relatively short history it has experienced a number of name changes, including Petrograd and Leningrad.

More recently the city has flourished into the jewel in Russia's crown and tourists flock to see it from all over the world.

We only hope we don't get the opportunity to see after the semi.

>> THE STADIUM



THE 64,000 capacity **Saint Petersburg Stadium** is located on **Kretovskiy Island**. Opened in 2017 the stadium took a remarkable 10 years to complete due to a number of funding and construction issues.

The ground is home to Russian Premier League side Zenit Saint Petersburg. It was they who welcomed FC Ural for the venue's opening game, with former Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic scoring the first goal there. Last summer it staged the Confederations Cup Final where Germany beat Chile and by the end of this tournament it will have hosted seven World Cup games.

The stadium is equipped with a retractable roof which, when closed, means the stadium can be temperature controlled. The temperature control system was used during Celtic FC's visit in the 2018 Europa League.

>> GETTING TO THE GROUND

7 KM from the centre, the stadium sits on the site of the former Kirov Stadium. It is best accessed by either bus or metro.

For most the metro is the most convenient, with **Novokrestovskaya** (Line 3) and **Krestovskiy Ostrov** (Line 5) the closest stations to the stadium. The latter runs through the centre, but is slightly further from the ground as the crow flies.

By bus you will need to disembark at **Ulitsa Yakhennaya**. This is 25 minutes walk from the stadium and is serviced by the 101, 101A, 110, 134A, 134W, 170, 211, 216, 32 and 93 buses. Trams 19 and 48 will also stop here. There are also a number of additional shuttle buses running to the stadium on match days. We will outline details of these services in more detail should we be forced to endure the misery of a Third Place Play-Off game.

>> FAN FEST



The Fan Fest in **Saint Petersburg** is at **Konyushennaya Square** with a capacity of 15,000.

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>> GETTING AROUND

Travel cards: Can be purchased at most transfer hubs and generally offer better rates than using individual tickets. With a card, a metro ride will cost you R36, whilst anything above ground has a fare of R31.

Metro: The system of 67 stations runs between 05:30 and 01:00. Its five lines can be useful for reaching many of the major landmarks across **Saint Petersburg**. A single fare is R45, but you can save money if making multiple journeys by buying a day ticket. These start at around R200. Announcements on trains are only made in Russian, but you should find some English signage around the stations.

Buses, Marshrutkas, Trams and Trolleybuses: Buses cover most of **Saint Petersburg**, as well as going further afield (to the airport, for example). Trolleybus routes are also wide ranging but tend to be concentrated within the inner city. Trams are less common but useful if uptown. These routes can be identified by a 'T' hanging from the overhead wires, while bus routes are marked by the letter 'A'. The fare on any of these three transport modes is R40, unless using a travel card. The other option is to board a Marshrutka. These run on numerous routes apart from on **Nevsky Prospekt**. Fares are usually R45.

Commuter trains: Useful for reaching suburban destinations around **Saint Petersburg**. They handily run until midnight if you are staying out of the centre.

Boat: The city's **Meteor** is a hydrofoil running along one of the city's main tourist routes. From the **Hermitage** to **Peterhof** it reaches speeds of 70kmh on its 40 minute journey. It departs every half hour with a saving made buying a return ticket.

Taxi: We would advise booking or calling a taxi over hailing one though cabs are identifiable by a chequered sign on their roof. Yandex and Uber work well.

EATING AND DRINKING

FOOD and drink is pretty expensive in Saint Petersburg, but it tends to be excellent quality. Even in central locations, eateries often offer lunch deals allowing you to sample fine cuisine at reasonable rates.

If you're seeing the sights and just want a light lunch, **Soup Vino** offers a selection of fresh salads and soups, with an option to take away.

Marketplace is a canteen open 08:00-18:00 serving a range of polish dishes. Meals at both are around R300-400 and are within

walking distance of the **Nevsky Prospekt** metro. The area is rich in other food outlets, including a number of street food places with reasonable prices.

Unsurprisingly, the city is well covered for Russian cuisine. Uzbek and Tajik food in particular are readily available and usually cheap. For meals priced at around R250, try inside the **Sennoy Market**.

Georgian restaurants are popular, as they are elsewhere in Russia, dishing up a mixture of meats, breads and salads at slightly higher prices; we've now overdosed.

For a drink you may want to try the **Dickens Pub** or the **Tower Pub**. Both have a range of imported and domestic drinks, and the **Tower** boasts lengthy opening hours and English speaking staff.

Alternatively, a large drinking scene can be found along the streets of **Dumskaya Ulitsa** and **Ulitsa Lomonosova**.

The city has a growing LGBT+ scene. The **Central Station** and **Golubaya Ustritsa** are clubs open until 06:00.

>> THINGS TO SEE AND DO

MANY of **Saint Petersburg's** major attractions are situated centrally, many within walking distance. The city offers a stunning combination of marvellous buildings and world famous museums nestled amongst its waterways, an exploration in themselves.

World renowned museums don't get much bigger than the **Hermitage Museum**. Literally. Artwork from a collection of over 3 million pieces is displayed throughout hundreds of rooms. Closed on Mondays it is otherwise open 10:30-18:00, and until 21:00 on Wednesdays. Entry is R400, or free with a student ID.

The museum's impressive buildings house the work of Leonardo Da Vinci and Picasso, the pick of these being 'the Winter Palace'.

Away from the **Hermitage Museum** and its surroundings, the city's superb architecture continues. One of the most exuberant is the 18th Century **Church of Spilled Blood**, or, if we are talking lavish,

then **St Isaac's Cathedral** dominates the skyline with its golden dome. They can be visited for R400 and R250 respectively. **St Isaac's** also offers a view of the city, if you are prepared to climb its 262 steps.

Another popular spot is the **Nesky Prospekt**, arguably the city's most iconic street. Along its four miles you will find countless restaurants and shops. It proves a good viewing place for other sights of **Saint Petersburg** including the **Cathedral of Our Lady Kazan**.

Of the city's Islands, **Vasilevskiy** is the biggest. Here you will find a selection of monuments and a good spot to bask in the summer sun beside the **Neva River**. If you are hunting something more relaxing than sightseeing tours are readily available along the canals, or, in the evening, visit the **Mariinsky Theatre** and enjoy the ballet or opera.

>> ACCOMMODATION

IF you find yourself on the hunt for accommodation, the city does offer a mixture of options, but at this late stage prices will be sky high.

You may want to try searching:

- hotels.fifa.com
- welcome2018.com/en/hotels
- booking.com
- Expedia
- Airbnb

Wherever you're looking, be certain to comprehensively check the details before making a booking or placing a deposit.

Additionally, throughout Russia your arrival in any new city must be registered within 24 hours.

This registration is normally completed by your accommodation, and is their responsibility, but if you are staying in a private house you will need to check with your host that this has been done.



Answers

Scouse Phil's Free Lions Football Quiz
1. Kylian Mbappe 2. John Stones 3. Brazil, England, France and Uruguay 4. Croatia 5. American 6. Italy in World War 2 7. White Lines (Don't Do It) 8. '99 Red Balloons 9. Blue 10. White Lines (Don't Do It)

SQUAD LISTS



CROATIA SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS:

1. Dominik **LIVAKOVIC** (Dinamo Zagreb)
12. Lovre **KALINIC** (Gent)
23. Danijel **SUBASIC** (Monaco)

DEFENDERS:

2. Sime **VRSALJKO** (Atletico Madrid)
3. Ivan **STRINIC** (AC Milan)
5. Vedran **CORLUKA** (Lokomotiv Moscow)
6. Dejan **LOVREN** (Liverpool)
13. Tin **JEDVAJ** (Bayer Leverkusen)
15. Duje **CALETA-CAR** (Red Bull Salzburg)
21. Domagoj **VIDA** (Besiktas)
22. Josip **PIVARIC** (Dynamo Kiev)

MIDFIELDERS:

4. Ivan **PERISIC** (Inter Milan)
7. Ivan **RAKITIC** (Barcelona)
8. Mateo **KOVACIC** (Real Madrid)
10. Luka **MODRIC** (Real Madrid)
11. Marcelo **BROZOVIC** (Inter Milan)
14. Filip **BRADARIC** (Rijeka)
16. Nikola **KALINIC** (AC Milan)
19. Milan **BADELJ** (Uattached)

FORWARDS:

9. Andrej **KRAMARIC** (Hoffenheim)
17. Mario **MANDZUKIC** (Juventus)
18. Ante **REBIC** (Eintracht)
20. Marko **PJACA** (Schalke)



ENGLAND SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS:

1. Jordan **PICKFORD** (Everton)
13. Jack **BUTLAND** (Stoke City)
23. Nick **POPE** (Burnley)

DEFENDERS:

2. Kyle **WALKER** (Manchester City)
3. Danny **ROSE** (Tottenham Hotspur)
5. John **STONES** (Manchester City)
6. Harry **MAGUIRE** (Leicester City)
12. Kieran **TRIPPIER** (Tottenham Hotspur)
15. Gary **CAHILL** (Chelsea)
16. Phil **JONES** (Manchester United)
17. Fabian **DELPH** (Manchester City)
18. Ashley **YOUNG** (Manchester United)
22. Trent **ALEXANDER-ARNOLD** (Liverpool)

MIDFIELDERS:

4. Eric **DIER** (Tottenham Hotspur)
7. Jesse **LINGARD** (Manchester United)
8. Jordan **HENDERSON** (Liverpool)
20. Dele **ALLI** (Tottenham Hotspur)
21. Ruben **LOFTUS-CHEEK** (Chelsea)

FORWARDS:

9. Harry **KANE** (Tottenham Hotspur)
10. Raheem **STERLING** (Manchester City)
11. Jamie **VARDY** (Leicester City)
14. Danny **WELBECK** (Arsenal)
19. Marcus **RASHFORD** (Manchester United)



ONE TO WATCH

Luka Modric – the maestro